

Commemorating the deceased along the Balkan migratory trail: *The Passage* between textile, needle and activism

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Making of The Passage, first workshop, Živi Atelje DK, Zagreb, curated by selma banich, 22 November 2020



Textile memorial The Passage , curated by selma banich, Živi Atelje DK, curated by selma banich, Zagreb, 24 May 2021.



Textile memorial The Passage at the exhibition „Wake up Europe!” in the Historical Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, 20 October 2021

Balkan circuit



The infographic features a vertical dark blue bar on the left containing three logos: BVM (a gear with a yin-yang symbol), [RE]ports SARAJEVO (a circle with a camera lens), and a circular logo with a map of Bosnia-Herzegovina and the text "No More Deaths, No More Deaths!". To the right of the bar, the text "March, 2019" and "Bosnia-Herzegovina" is written vertically. The main graphic consists of a central map of Bosnia-Herzegovina with a purple core and orange outer regions, surrounded by white arrows pointing outwards. This map is flanked by two horizontal orange bands, each containing three strands of barbed wire.

March, 2019
Bosnia-Herzegovina

**ILLEGAL PUSH-BACKS AND
BORDER VIOLENCE REPORTS**

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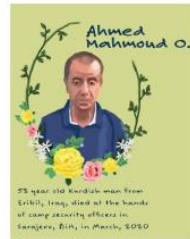
TASSER GERARDO TORRES (22), FROM THE ALGERIA, MISSING IN THE RIVER MELJOUH NEAR BORDJ BOU ARRADJAJ, ALGERIA, ON JUNE 2, 2020.



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ELATER ALHARAB, YOUNG MAN FROM SYRIA, DROWNED IN PAROSIA RIVER NEAR NEAR NEAR SYRIA, GREECE, ON OCTOBER 26, 2015.



Ahmed Mahmoud O.
23 year old Kurdish man from Erbil, Iraq, died at the hands of camp security officers in Sangre, BiH, in March, 2020



DROWNED IN RIVER BINA NEAR TINA - SEVILA MIRA, BIH, ON JUNE 2, 2020



Ahmed H.
28-year-old man from Mexico, died while attempting to cross a camp to see the shores, died May, 2020



DEE OF FIRE, TOURISM, LIBERTY



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YOUNG WOMAN (18), FROM SYRIA



Ramzi M.
Young Algerian man, found dead in June of 2020



‘THE MOST DIFFICULT TASK WAS TO TELL THE MOTHER’



MADE WITH VIOLENCE IN EUROPEAN UNION

Transbalkan Solidarity Memorial Page,
<https://transbalkanskasolidarnost.home.blog/memorial-page/>

Transbalkan Solidarity Memorial Mem, MADE IN EU:
Container(s) of Death,
<https://transbalkanskasolidarnost.home.blog/made-in-eu-containers-of-death/>



Comemorative Action Justice for Madina, Zagreb, 21 November 2020. Photo: Ivana Perić



Renaming the Republic of Croatia Square into Madina Hussiny Square, Zagreb, 21 November 2018. Photo: Maddalena Avon



Call for renaming the Republic of Croatia Square into Madina Hussiny Square, Zagreb, 21 November 2019. Photo: Ivana Perić



Global commemoration day, Zagreb, 6 February 2022



counter-memorialization

- "connecting mourning for individual and collective losses with a radical critique of the European border regime" (Stierl 2016: 184)
- The Passage „was designed to convey a strong political and spiritual message”



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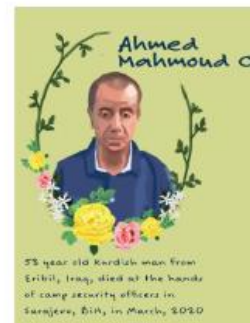
TASSER BIMODHO IDRIS (29), FROM FES, ALGERIA, MISSING IN THE RIVER MELZMERA NEAR SENJANIĆI TRG, HRANJINA, ON JUNE 3, 2020.



Oussama Binayoum (18) From Algeria, author of a two-year-old blog, found his body in a forest near Lika National Park Croatia in January 22, 2019.



RATED ALMAMMAD, YOUNG MAN FROM SYRIA, DROWNED IN MIREŠČICA RIVER NEAR VENEČANCI TRG, CROATIA, ON OCTOBER 30, 2019.



Ahmed Mahmoud O. 55 year old Kurdish man from Erbil, Iraq, died at the hands of camp security officers in Samjere, BiH, in March, 2020



DROWNED IN RIVER BRINA NEAR ŽEMAR - BERLA MERA, BIH, ON JUNE 3, 2020



Ahmed H. 25-year-old man from Morocco, died while attempting to access a camp to use the showers, died May, 2020



DIED IN PIPE, LJUBANICA, CROATIA,



Young man from Syria, died in a forest near Lika National Park



YOUNG WOMAN (18), FROM SYRIA,



Ramzi M. Young Algerian man, found dead in June of 2020





They Can't Kill us All – Love and Rage, Women to Women Collective, Zagreb, 8 March 2020



In solidarity with Iranian women and protesters, Zagreb, 30 October 2022. Photo: selma banich



Homenaje a los caídos / Homage to the fallen ones, Anonymous, Chile, 1976. Conflict Textiles collection of the Ulster University, Northern Ireland, <https://cain.ulster.ac.uk/conflicttextiles/>

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„A squad of girls in the camp”, refugee camp for ugoslavs, El Shatt, Egypt, 1944. Photo by: Otto Gilmore. Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division Washington, USA. Digital ID: fsa 8d38061
<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/fsa.8d38061>



Commemoration in Trieste, 15 August 2022. Sources: facebook public pages and profiles



Textile memorial *The Passage*, Živi Atelje DK, Zagreb, 24 May 2021. Photo: Nina Đurđević



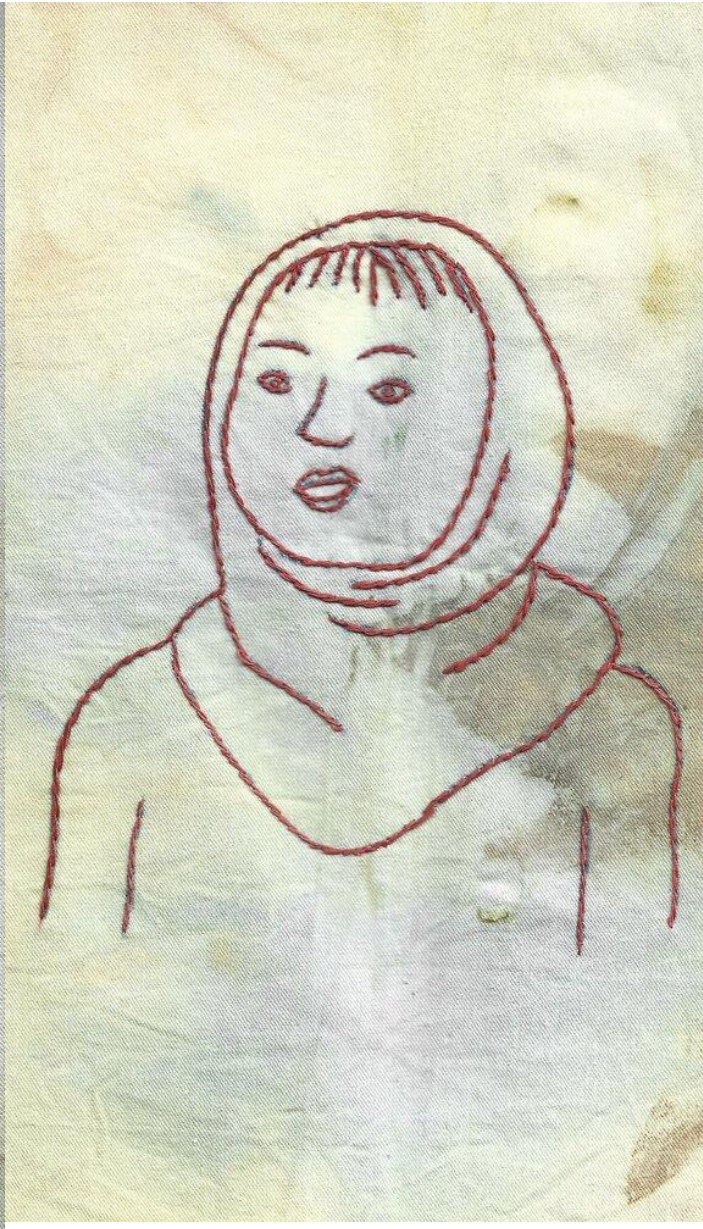
The Passage, the first workshop, meditative walk in the forest park Jelenovac and materials collected for botanical dyeing in Živi Atelje DK, Zagreb 22 November 2020



The Passage, first workshop, from leaves to fabric, Živi Atelje DK, Zagreb 22 November 2020



Making of The Passage, third workshop, Živi Atelje DK, Zagreb, 19 December 2020



Images taken from selma banich homepage, <https://selmabanich.org/index#/the-passage/>

Database

4D_2022 : Deceased

	Date or presumed date of death	Cause or possible cause of death	Country	Location	Age or date of birth	Sex	Country of departure (with additional notes)	Sources
361	12/09/2022	Drowning	Croatia	Donje Dubrave, River Mrežnica	unknown	male	unknown	https://radio-mreznica.hr/u-mreznici-pronadeno-tijelo-nepoznatog-muskarca/
360	31/07/2022	Drowning	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Šepak, River Drina	17-19	male	Afghanistan	Missing reported by family; https://www.facebook.com/groups/2524520394244390/posts/5869296689766727/ ; https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/ajmalahmadzai
359	29/07/2022	Sunstroke	North Macedonia	halfway Gevgelija and Demir Kapija	1991	male	Syria	https://www.facebook.com/groups/645187939718888/permalink/1062644821306529/ ; https://www.facebook.com/groups/help.mk.refugees/permalink/7647270162014323/?sfnsn=mo&ref=share
358	13/07/2022	Drowning	Serbia	River Drina	17	male	Afghanistan	https://www.facebook.com/309778972753727/posts/pfbid0d8wtyhvjNHuREqemityLARZHaYRnz9msGvc96y6qLTsDEb96xQTQQ8nHK4UuNCpKI/?sfnsn=mo
357	29/06/2022	Hit by train	North Macedonia	Gevgelija	unknown	male	unknown	https://legis.mk/a-train-ran-over-two-migrants-in-gevgelija/
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